

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
a remote control device, the remote control device including:
a processor;
a remote control receiver in communication with the processor;
an input device in communication with the processor; and
an output device in communication with the processor, wherein the output device is for providing an alert to a user when a scheduled event occurs; and
an electronic device, the electronic device including:
a receiver for receiving signals from the remote control device;
an electronic program guide; and
a transmitter in communication with the electronic program guide, the transmitter for transmitting data from the electronic program guide to the remote control device, wherein the data indicates an occurrence of the scheduled event.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the data include television program starting times.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a telephonic device in communication with the transmitter.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the output device includes at least one of a speaker and a light source.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the remote control device further comprises a smart card reader/writer in communication the processor.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising a smart card.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the smart card is configured to include information concerning at least one of a user profile, a user history, a favorite show, a favorite channel, a favorite theme, a channel order, a parental control, a pay-per view purchase, and a pay-per-view spending limit.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the smart card is configured to include information concerning at least one of a user Internet profile, an e-mail account, an Internet browser bookmark, an account name, an address list, a security feature, and a display format for Internet browsing on a television monitor.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The remote control device of claim 23 ~~49~~, wherein the customized alert includes a plurality of noises, wherein the plurality of noises vary in pitch.

21. (Currently Amended) The remote control device of claim 23 ~~46~~, wherein the data include television program starting times.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ remote control device of claim 23
46, wherein the remote control device further comprises a smart card reader/writer in
communication the processor.

23. (New) A remote control device, comprising:
a processor;
a remote control receiver in communication with the processor,
wherein the remote control receiver is for receiving data from an electronic program
guide, wherein the data indicates the occurrence of a scheduled event;
an input device in communication with the processor;
a data storage area in communication with the processor; and
an output device in communication with the processor,
wherein after the processor receives said data from the remote control receiver, the
processor retrieves instructions from the data storage area, interprets said data
based upon said retrieved instructions and controls said output device to produce a
customized alert associated with said scheduled event.

24. (New) The remote control device of claim 23, wherein said instructions
enable said processor, in conjunction with said output device, to generate one of a
plurality of different alerts.

25. (New) The remote control device of claim 23, wherein said processor
detects activation of said input device and, responsive thereto, said processor turns
off said customized alert.

26. (New) A system, comprising:
a remote control device, the remote control device including:
a processor;
a remote control receiver in communication with the processor;
an input device in communication with the processor;
a light source in communication with the processor;
a storage area in communication with the processor;

a motion detector in communication with the processor, wherein said processor can retrieve instructions from said storage area and then sends a signal to a light source to illuminate a portion of said input device; and

an output device in communication with the processor, wherein the output device is for providing an alert to a user when a scheduled event occurs; and

an electronic device, the electronic device including:

a receiver for receiving signals from the remote control device;

an electronic program guide; and

a transmitter in communication with the electronic program guide, the transmitter for transmitting data from the electronic program guide to the remote control device, wherein the data indicates an occurrence of the scheduled event.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein said storage area contains instructions for handling said data indicative of said scheduled event and further wherein said processor operates, upon receipt of said data from said remote control receiver, to:

(a) retrieve said instructions from said storage area;

(b) interpret said data using said instructions; and

(c) use said interpreted data to generate, as said alert, one of a plurality of different alerts associated with said scheduled event.